

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method for executing a communication attempt with a mobile terminal device in  
5 accordance with an attainability status of a mobile terminal device in a cellular  
communication network having a Short Message Service Center by: querying the  
SMSC in the cellular network for obtaining the attainability status of said mobile  
terminal device and delivering said communication attempt to said mobile terminal  
device in accordance with said attainability status. This invention allows an  
10 application to find out if a mobile terminal device e.g. a handset is reachable  
without actually contacting the handset. A short message service center does this by  
initiating a mobile terminated delivery attempt but not finishing it but telling the  
application instead if the home location register of a cellular network thinks the  
handset is reachable or not.

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